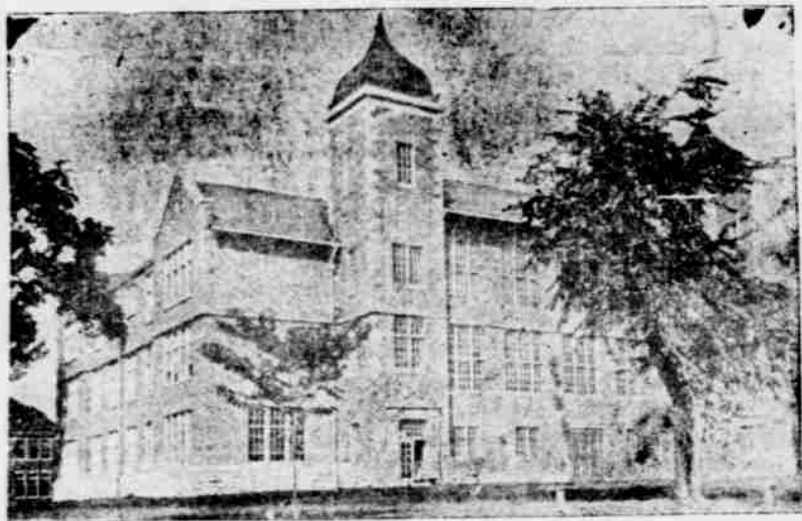


COLUMBIA SCHOOLS MAKE U.S. ATTENDANCE RECORD



The Columbia High School.

"A larger per cent of students in Columbia are graduated from the grade schools into high school and from high school into the university and normal school than in any other city of the same size in the United States."

So J. D. Elliff, professor of school administration and high school visitor, characterizes Columbia's school system.

"The faculty in both grade and high schools is better trained here than in any other city of similar proportions in Missouri," he asserts. "The salaries, perhaps, are below standard but Columbia tax payers have voted all the bonds they can afford for the present. Our admirable school system is due mainly to the people themselves. We are in an educational community and anything within reason needed for educational purposes is enthusiastically given. A business-like school board and hustling superintendent does the rest. The best method of judging a school system is by the number of children kept in school and what they do there."

Tenant Officer Enforces Law.
The records of nearly three hundred other school systems, similar to that in Columbia, show that 3 per cent of the children who started to school in the first grade graduated from high school. In Columbia 40 per cent receive high school diplomas. A compulsory attendance law and a truant officer, J. M. Pennington, to enforce it resulted in the school attendance of all but nine of the children between the school ages of eight and sixteen years. Ninety-one per cent of the 2,476 children between the ages of six and twenty years were in school. If a child is absent for more than two days without an excuse, Mr. Pennington investigates and, upon the refusal of the parents to place the child in school, the case is taken to court. One man was fined \$10 in 1916. A promise to replace his child in school was exorted.

The maximum attendance in Columbia schools is also secured through the prevention of epidemics. Superintendent J. E. McPherson has a hobby. It is the card-index system. If any child is absent for more than one day on account of illness, the teacher fills out a prepared card stating what she thinks the disease is and the name of the family doctor. The physician is then consulted. In case of a contagious disease, any other members of the family who are attending school are dismissed until a doctor's certificate indicating that the cure is complete admits the pupils. The schools-rooms used by the pupils are fumigated at once. In this way serious epidemics and the consequent decrease in enrollment are averted.

Card Index System Saves Teacher.
A "running account" of Columbia's school system is found in Mr. McPherson's card-index. If Johnnie sticks a pin into Willie, the offense and consequent punishment are recorded on a special card. If Johnnie's card becomes too crowded with demerit marks, he is placed on the black-list. The irate parent, asserting that his son is a "model boy," when confronted with the record of the offender in black and white often changes his intention of having the teacher arrested for inflicting cruel and undeserving punishment.

If a new family locates in Columbia, their street address and number of children of school age soon find a place in the card-index. One hundred new families brought more than two hundred school children to Columbia last year.

The school faculty is tested three times each year, and the rank of each teacher is filed. Tardiness and absences for the grade schools are also recorded, the grades having a clean record at the end of each month are given a half-holiday. Thus, fearing the wrath of his school mates, the wayward pupil is induced to strive for perfect attendance.

By means of this system of recording, Columbia children of school age have been kept in school, and the total attendance has increased from 1,953 to 2,252 in the last five years.

Thirteen members of the high school faculty are graduates of the University, while Cape Girardeau and

the Universities of Wisconsin Kentucky and Arkansas are also represented. The average salaries are \$80 a month to women teachers and \$115 to men. The faculty members are: J. E. McPherson, superintendent, agriculture; Miss Meta Eltzen, science; Mrs. Anna Lyle Hill, Miss Minnie Snellings, teachers'-training; Miss Jesse Kline, home economics; Z. M. Strong, manual training; Miss Mary Gray, history; Miss Isabelle Johnson, Latin; Miss Winifred Remley, German; J. R. Kirk, commercial subjects; Miss Saidee Stean, history; Miss Bess Carter, Latin and mathematics; Miss Emily Guitler, mathematics; Miss Juliet Moss, English; Durward Scholier, physical training; Miss Sue Stone, English; Miss Jewell Hughes, mathematics and Latin; Miss Louise Miller, history and Latin; Miss Helen Ross, English and history.

High School Curriculum Wide.
The curriculum of the high school embraces an unusually wide range of subjects as follows: English, 4 years; history, 4 years; mathematics, 4 years; Latin, 4 years; German, 2 years; physics, 1 year; biology, 1 year; domestic science, 1 year; book-keeping, 1 year; shorthand and typewriting, 1 year; manual training, 1 year; mechanical drawing, 1 year; psychology, 1 year; methods of teaching, 1 year; reviews, 1 year; agriculture, 1 year; and physical education, 1 year.

A well-lighted and completely equipped gymnasium of standard size furnishes accommodation for the ten meetings of the physical training classes for both boys and girls. This course is compulsory for all freshmen.

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reference books. Domestic science equipment costing \$1,500 is used by fifty-five high school girls, seventy from the seventh grades and forty-five from the fifth and sixth grades in Benton school. The equipment in the manual training and mechanical drawing department equals that in the domestic science department. A circular saw and planer are among the latest additions.

Teachers Certificates Issued.
Upon the completion of the teachers' training course offered in the high school, the Superintendent of Public Schools issues a certificate to teach in any rural school in any county in the state for a term of two years. The course of study is freely elective so that those students who do not wish to enter a university can prepare themselves well for the activities of life.

Owing to the proximity of the University and junior colleges the school enrollment includes a large number of non-residents. These students are required to pay \$36 a year tuition. In 1916 the cost to tax-payers for each high school student was twenty-eight cents a day.

The high school building was constructed at Eighth and Rogers streets in 1910 costing \$105,000. The furnishings are valued at \$3,500. The structure is of brick, fire-proof construction, steam heated with fan ventilation and contains thirty-three rooms. The building is insured for \$90,000 against fire and tornado. Twelve thousand dollars were recently expended for the extension of the school grounds. Steel lockers have been provided for the safe-guarding of extra clothing. Sanitary drinking fountains have been placed in the halls.

The enrollment of the Columbia High School has increased from 64 students in 1896 to 477 in 1916.

(Articles dealing with each of the public schools in Columbia will be published in the Missourian at frequent intervals.)

Women Students in East Outrank Men
Based on the work of the students in the department of arts and science for the last year, women are better students than men, and nonfraternity students make higher grades than fraternity students, according to statistics compiled by Dr. Howard Lincoln Hodgins, dean of the College of Engineering of the George Washington University.

LEGAL
NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT
Notice is hereby given that the undersigned executor of the estate of W. F. Lane deceased, will make final settlement of his accounts with said estate as such executor at the next term of the Probate Court of Boone County, Missouri, to be holden at Columbia, in said County, on the 12th day of February, A. D. 1917.
J. K. FENTON,
Executor.

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GIANTS IN NEXT GENERATION! California Scientists Discover Way to Make the Body Grow.

Science, possibly in the next generation, will produce a race of giants. University of California scientists have discovered the substance that produces growth in the human body. It was announced there recently. Tethelin is what they call it. It is located in the pituitary body at the base of the brain, and it may be possible to control the stature of human beings by retarding or accelerating its functions, the Berkeley authorities believe.

Announcement of the discovery was made by Dr. T. B. Robertson, professor of biochemistry, who said he had succeeded in isolating tethelin, and he believed it was the first time in the history of biological science it had been done.

Doctor Robertson said his experiments covered four years and that the ultimate importance of the discoveries made by him and his assistants could not be estimated at this time.

MILL TAX FOR WASHINGTON Western State University Expects \$1,777,210 Annual Income.

If the next Legislature grants the requests of the regents of the University of Washington in their report to the governor of the state, the university will have an annual income of \$1,777,210, from a mill tax of \$.009, for its maintenance and building fund. The regents' report further recommends the renewal of appropriations to the building fund of the university from tuition and matriculation fees, rentals, endowments and earnings of university property and land, totaling \$262,000.

In addition to this amount the legislature will be asked to include in the building fund the land endowment income which constitutes the state university current fund. This amount will approximate \$60,000. The regents will also ask 5 per cent of the mill tax, a sum approximating \$103,000 to be set aside for building purposes.

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WILL TRY OUT LOCAL VOICES San Carlo Company to Give Opportunity to Columbia Singers.

The San Carlo Opera Company which will be in Columbia for performances February 3 will give opportunities to local singers to have their voices tried out. Two applications for try-outs have already been made. Others who wish to test themselves as grand opera singers should apply to Mrs. Eldon R. James to make arrangements.

The grand opera performances promise to be prominent society events. The boxes will be decorated in white and green. Mrs. James has charge of the box seat sales, and tickets for the two entertainments are now on sale. Seat tickets will be on sale January 29.

Expenses of bringing the opera here were guaranteed by Prof. G. H.

Sabine, Prof. J. E. Wrench and Dean E. R. James. If any money is cleared, it will go to the University Dramatic Society and the Play Reading Club.

UPHOLDS 2-CENT FARE THERE Illinois State Commission's Order Cannot Be Changed.

By United Press
CHICAGO, Jan. 15.—Federal Judge Landis upheld this afternoon the Illinois 2-cent passenger rate, when he decided the Interstate Commerce Commission cannot regulate intrastate passenger rates fixed by the state public utilities commission. He denied the railroad injunctions restraining the Illinois State Public Utilities Commission from interfering with the operation of the order of the Interstate Commission raising the Illinois intra-state passenger rate from 2 to 2.4 cents a mile.

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